

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 14, further comprising applying a filter to the electronic message, such that the electronic message is approved if the electronic message passes the filter.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 14, further comprising applying a filter to the electronic message, such that the electronic message is rejected if the electronic message passes the filter.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~5~~ 14, further comprising synchronizing the display to the first approver and the display to the second approver of representations of electronic messages that have been presented for approval.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~7~~ 15, further comprising, if delivery of the electronic message to the intended recipient is approved, sending a notification to the first user.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~9~~ 16, wherein the sixth folder is the same as the third folder.
12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~9~~ 16, wherein the fourth folder is the same as the first folder.
13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~9~~ 16, wherein the fifth folder is the same as the second folder.

14. (New) A method for operating an electronic messaging system comprising:
routing an electronic message intended for a first user to a first folder not associated with the first user, instead of to the first user;
presenting the electronic message to a first approver to approve or reject the message;
if delivery of the electronic message to the first user is approved, routing the electronic message to a second folder not associated with the first user and to the first user;
if delivery of the electronic message to the first user is rejected, routing the electronic message to a third folder not associated with the first user and not to the first user;
presenting the electronic message to a second approver to approve or reject the message;
and
displaying to the first approver and to the second approver representations of electronic messages that have been presented for approval.

15. (New) A method of operating an electronic messaging system comprising:
directing an outgoing electronic message having an intended recipient sent by a first user to a first folder not associated with the first user, instead of to the intended recipient;
presenting the electronic message to a first approver to approve or reject the message;
if delivery of the electronic message to the intended recipient is approved, routing the electronic message to a second folder not associated with the first user and to the intended recipient;
if delivery of the electronic message to the intended recipient is rejecting, routing the electronic message to a third folder not associated with the first user and not to the intended recipient;
presenting the electronic message to a second approver to approve or reject the message;
and
displaying to the first approver and to the second approver representations of electronic messages that have been presented for approval.

16. (New) A computer program product, residing on a computer-readable medium, for use in operating an electronic messaging system, the computer program product comprising instructions for causing a computer to:

route an incoming electronic message intended for a first user to a first folder not associated with the first user, instead of to the first user;

if delivery of the incoming electronic message is approved, route the incoming electronic message to a second folder not associated with the first user and to the first user;

if delivery of the incoming electronic message is rejected, route the incoming electronic message to a third folder not associated with the first user and not to the first user;

direct an outgoing electronic message having an intended recipient sent by the first user to a fourth folder not associated with the first user, instead of to the intended recipient;

if delivery of the electronic message to the intended recipient is approved, route the electronic message to a fifth folder not associated with the first user and to the intended recipient;

if delivery of the electronic message to the intended recipient is rejecting, route the electronic message to a sixth folder not associated with the first user and not to the intended recipient; and

synchronize a first display of messages for the first user at a first location with a second display of messages for the first user at a second location.

17. (New) A method for operating an electronic messaging system comprising:

routing an electronic message intended for a first user to a first folder not associated with the first user, instead of to the first user;

presenting the electronic message to a first approver to approve or reject the message;

if delivery of the electronic message to the first user is approved, routing the electronic message to a second folder not associated with the first user and to the first user;

if delivery of the electronic message to the first user is rejected, routing the electronic message to a third folder not associated with the first user and not to the first user;

presenting the electronic message to a second approver to approve or reject the message;

displaying to the first approver and to the second approver representations of electronic messages that have been presented for approval; and

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synchronizing the display to the first approver and the display to the second approver of representations of electronic messages that have been presented for approval.